

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the details of the role of different State Governments in this regard along with the names of such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission had constituted a Fact Finding Team under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Adarsh Mishra, the then Principal Adviser, Planning Commission, in March, 2006 to study the situation regarding disparities in regional development, to recommend necessary measures for reducing regional disparities in Maharashtra, and for addressing the issues of rural distress, especially in the Vidarbha region. The Team has submitted its report to the Government.

(c) and (d) The Fact Finding Team's Study was confined to Vidarbha region in Maharashtra, where it was found that inadequate irrigation facilities and weak extension system had aggravated farmers problems.

Employment during Eleventh Plan

†*37. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

MS. SUSHILATIRIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people targeted to be provided employment during the Eleventh Five Year Plan by Government;

(b) Government's plan to achieve the target and the number of people to be provided employment annually therefrom;

(c) whether Government would constitute any monitoring Committee/ mechanism therefor so that implementation of schemes is constantly monitored; and

(d) the number of persons provided employment annually during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The Eleventh Five Year Plan period is 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2012. The Eleventh Five Year Plan is under preparation. The strategy to employment inter alia being debated in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Steering Committee and Working Groups set up for the purpose by the Planning Commission.

(d) As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of Surveys of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) on employment and unemployment, employment opportunities on Usual Principal Status (UPS) basis have increased from 367.37 million in 1999-2000 (55th round) to 421.21 million in 2004-05 (61 st round). Therefore employment opportunities over the five year period have increased 53.84 million. This shows that on an average 10.77 million persons annually have been provided with employment during 2000 to 2005.

Stringent quality norms for operators

*38. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of India has set some stringent quality norms for operators of broadband internet services in the country;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) the details of the measures taken to ensure prompt attending of complaint by the operators?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued 'Quality of Service of Broadband Service Regulations 2006' on 6th October, 2006. Through these Regulations TRAI has prescribed the Quality of Service (QoS) norms to be achieved by Broadband Service Providers. These Regulations will come into force with effect from 1st January, 2007.

The benchmarks set by TRAI in these regulations for the Quality of Service parameters for Broadband service include Service Provisioning/ Activation Time, Fault Repair/Restoration Time, Billing Performance, Response time to the customer for assistance, Bandwidth Utilization/ Throughput, Service Availability/Uptime (for all users), Packet Loss, Network Latency and Customer perception of Services.

(c) For ensuring prompt attending of complaint by the operators, instructions have been issued to all the Access Service Providers directing